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UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Papp

CASE: 57751. 010002

COMMUNICATION

SERIAL NO.: 10/014,657

FILING DATE: December 11, 2001

FOR: HOLDING DEVICE WITH AT LEAST ONE OPERATING MOUNT

Art Unit 3677
EXAMINER: Brittain, James R.

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 502428.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final office action August 11, 2004, in the above-identified patent application. Please consider the following comments, toward entry and full consideration of the Amendment and Communication filed April 16, 2004, and reconsideration and allowance of the application.

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The Examiner has stated that the reply filed on April 19, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

1) Applicant purportedly failed to indicate if new claim 11 is drawn to the elected species; and

2) Applicant purportedly failed to point out how new claim 11 is patentable over the applied art.

In complete response to the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 11 is drawn to the previously elected species of Group 1, Figs. 1 – 3 and 6 – 11, as established in the Office Action mailed 19 December 2002, following a telephone conference between the Examiner and Applicant's undersigned attorney on 12 December 2002.

Applicant further respectfully submits that claim 11 patentably distinguishes over the cited prior art of record. In particular, none of the cited prior art references whether taken alone or in combination with one another, teaches or suggests a holding device wherein the transverse section (7, 7a, 7b) has two opposed end regions which are spaced apart a distance substantially greater than a distance separating the edge sections (11, 11b) of the stationary mount (3, 3b); wherein the elastically movable support units emanate from respective ones of the two opposed end regions of the transverse section (7, 7a, 7b); and wherein the stopping catches (9, 9a) are spaced apart a distance substantially less than the distance separating the opposed end regions of the transverse section (7, 7a, 7b) through which any pulling force that may be exerted upon transverse section (7, 7a, 7b) causes constricted restricted sections (10, 10b) disposed between the stopping catches (9, 9a) to bear against the edge sections (11, 11b), and wherein the lengths of the elastically movable support units (8, 8a, 8b, 15) is at least approximately the same length as the length of the transverse section (7, 7a, 7b).

The Lilja et al. '322 reference discloses a fastening member having a transverse section, and shoulders 9 defined by recesses 8 wherein the faces of the recesses are spaced apart a distance approximately equal to the width of the transverse portion of the fastening member. Similarly, in the Glynn '969 reference, the inclined faces 19, are

spaced apart distances substantially equal to the width of lug element 5. In neither case, is the structure of the apparatus configured to cause the faces of recesses 8 (Lilja et al. '322) or the inclined faces 19 (Glynn '969) to bear outwardly against the adjacent edges of the aperture, as a result of a pulling action exerted on the respective fastening members.

Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 11 patentably distinguishes over the cited Lilja et al. '322 and Glynn '969 references, whether taken alone or in combination with one another. Therefore, entry, consideration and allowance of previously submitted claim 11 are respectfully solicited.

Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing comments, when taken together with Applicant's previously submitted Amendment and Communication, mailed April 16, 2004, comprise a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2004.

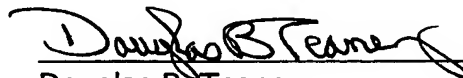
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the application as a whole, including all of claims 1 – 6 and 11.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned at (312) 456-8400 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

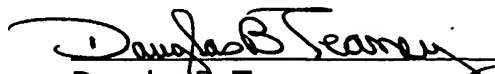
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